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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PFOR EG XF XA  
SUBJ: EGYPT GEARS UP FOR AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT

1. GOE AND ARAB LEAGUE LABORIOUSLY GETTING INTO GEAR FOR MARCH 7 AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. SOME EFFORT BEING MADE TO SPRUCE UP CITY, PARTICULARLY REPAVING OF NILE CORNICHE, WHICH WILL BE MUCH TRAVELLED BY HIGH LEVEL DELEGATES. GOE HAS TAKEN OVER ALL MAJOR AND SOME NOT SO MAJOR HOTELS, AND WORD IS OUT THAT CAIRO DEFINITELY NO PLACE TO VISIT WHILE SUMMIT IS IN SESSION.

2. POSSIBLE AGENDA. FEBRUARY 25 PAPERS ANNOUNCED THAT ARAB LEAGUE HAS COMPLETED ITS PAPER WORK FOR SUMMIT AND HAS VARIETY OF DOCUMENTS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO HEADS OF STATE WHEN THEY ARRIVE. AMONG ARAB LEAGUE PAPERS ARE PROGRAM FOR AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION DRAFTED IN DAKAR IN APRIL '76, PROPOSALS ON EXECUTIVE AGENCIES FOR COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC FILEDS, UNPUBLISHED POLITICAL DECLARATION AGREED UPON IN LUSAKA, AND ACCOUNT OF ARAB STEPS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH AFRICANS. WE UNDERSTAND SOME AFRICANS HAVE NOT BEEN ALTOGETHER PLEASED WITH GOE HANDLING OF SUMMIT THUS FAR; E.G. MAURITIUS AMBASSADOR'S  
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GRUMBLING OVER LACK OF TIMELY PREPARATION OF AGENDA, WHICH HE SAYS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF MINSTATE MUHAMMAD RIAD.

3. SUMMIT GETTING HEAVY PRESS PLAY. PREDICTABLY, ARAB ROLE BEING FEATURED OUT OF ALL PROPORTION. VISITING HEADS OF STATE WILL DOUBTLESS RECEIVE AMPLE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY DURING SUMMIT, BUT GOE NOT LIKELY LET ANYONE FORGET THAT CAIRO IS CENTER OF

ARAB-AFRICAN WORLD.

4. OUR ARAB LEAGUE AND GOE CONTACTS SEEM TO VIEW WHOLE SPECTACLE  
WITH LETHARGY, MIXED WITH MILD ALARM AT LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE  
THEY MUST SOON CONFRONT. WE WILL SEEK FULL BRIEFINGS BY MFA AND  
ARAB LEAGUE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.  
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